- 1 they price, package, promote, market their services.
- Q RNS displays billing record information,
- 3 correct?
- 4 A Billing record information?
- 5 Q Yes.
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And RNS displays the rate for the service and
- 8 calculates the taxes for that service; isn't that also
- 9 correct?
- 10 A That's correct.
- 11 Q Now, this functionality isn't currently
- 12 available for ALECs today; is it?
- 13 A It is not part of -- it's not part of the EDI
- 14 ordering interface. Again, pricing, promotion,
- 15 packaging, how a CLEC offers its services to its
- 16 customers is not something over which BellSouth has any
- 17 control. It's at the discretion of the CLEC. And a
- 18 CLEC can choose, using the industry standard ordering
- 19 method, to organize information on its side of the
- 20 interface in whatever way suits its pricing or marketing
- 21 objectives.
- Q Ms. Calhoun, in RNS can a BellSouth service
- 23 representative see all the NXXs associated with valid
- 24 addresses?
- 25 A Yes. I found that answer at lunchtime, and it

- 1 is possible for them to do that, and they would access
- 2 that information through the telephone number selection
- 3 screen.
- 4 Q I don't think you need to refer to this, but
- 5 if you do I'll stop after I ask the question. In
- 6 Late-filed Exhibit No. 2 you provide average talk times
- 7 for BellSouth service representatives.
- 8 Are these average intervals based on service
- 9 representatives using RNS? That's going to be your
- 10 Late-filed Exhibit No. 2 and that's part of what has
- 11 been identified as Exhibit No. 43. And you can find
- 12 that on Page 381.
- 13 A This includes business and residential. So it
- 14 will include both RNS and DOE.
- 15 Q One last question. Why did BellSouth create
- 16 separate databases for ALECs instead of allowing ALECs
- 17 direct access to the same databases that BellSouth uses
- 18 for its retail services, retail operations?
- 19 A Well, there are a couple different reasons for
- 20 that. One is, of course, as I've talked about at
- 21 length, the industry recommends EDI for ordering, and so
- 22 BellSouth made available an EDI ordering interface, but
- 23 another reason is that BellSouth has an RNS system for
- 24 residence customers, and a DOE system for business
- 25 customers in four states, and a SONGS system for

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August 18, 1997

Ms. Ilene Barnett Sales Director BellSouth Interconnection Services 1960 West Exchange Place Tucker, GA 30084

Dear Ms. Barnett:

This letter is in response to Cathy Forbes' June 26 letter, which replied to Helen Arthur's June 16, 1997 inquiry in reference to the following section in the MCImetro-BellSouth Interconnection Agreement:

#### Attachment VIII

2.1.3 Street Address Guide (SAG)

2.1.3.1 Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, BellSouth shall provide to MCIm the SAG data, or its equivalent, in electronic form. All changes to the SAG shall be made available to MCIm on the same day as the change to the data is made.

This section clearly requires BellSouth to provide to MCIm in electronic form either the SAG data or its equivalent. As it is more than thirty (30) days since the interconnection agreements became effective in Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and North Carolina, BellSouth is overdue in providing to MCIm in electronic form the SAG data.

Ms. Forbes letter states, and I quote, "Since, BellSouth is unable to provide the initial SAG data and daily updates in batch form the only available equivalent would be using online access". MCIm is capable of accepting an electronic download of this data via NDM until a regular mechanized daily batch process can be implemented to accommodate daily updates.

MCIm insists that BellSouth comply with the terms of its interconnection agreements with MCIm and provide MCIm in electronic form with the SAG data no later than August 29, 1997. Failure to do so will significantly hamper MCIm's entry into the local market by forcing MCIm to continue to contend with manual intervention in the pre-ordering/ordering process to verify customer street address information, and, will demonstrate BellSouth's continued lack of compliance with the contracts.

Please reply to this letter no later than August 22, 1997.

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Sincerely,

Watter J. Schmidt

cc: Marcel Henry - MCI
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June 26, 1997

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RE: MCIm/BellSouth-GA Interconnection Agreement - Attach VIII, Sect 2.1.3

Dear Ms. Arthur:

This letter is in response to your inquiry of June 16, 1997 in reference to the following stipulation in the MCIm/BellSouth Interconnection Agreement:

Attachment VIII

2.1.3 .1 Street Address Guide (SAG)

Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, BellSouth shall provide to MCIm the SAG data, or its equivalent, in electronic form. All changes to the SAG shall be made available to MCIm on the same day as the change to the data is made.

Your interpretation of the above reipulation is that BeilSouth will provide the Street Address Data, not online access, to MCIm. However, the stipulation states that BellSouth is to provide the SAG data to MCI or its equivalent in electronic form. Since, BellSouth is unable to provide the initial SAG data and daily updates in batch form the only available equivalent would be using online access.

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August 20, 1997

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Dear Wally,

This is in response to Bryan Green's verbal request to provide MCIm with a copy of BellSouth's Regional Street Address Guida (RSAG) database files and RSAG record layouts and to your letter dated August 18, 1997, regarding the same subject. In accordance with the MCIm/BST Interconnection Agreement, MCIm can access BellSouth's RSAG database through the Local Exchange Navigation System (LENS) and/or via Interexchange Carrier Reference Validation (ICREF) service.

The RSAG database files are extremely voluminous for downloading and the fact is that the database changes so rapidly it would be outdated by the time MCIm would be in receipt of the database files. The RSAG technical specifications are proprietary.

MCIm may pursue receipt of the RSAG detabase files in a form other than that described in the Interconnection Agreement through the Agreement's Bona Fide Request (BFR) process. I trust that the above provides you with the desired information.

Sincerely,

Pam Lee

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**Customer Record Bill Screen** 

Attached is a list detailing the major fields on a Customer Record Information System (CRIS) Bill screen and the BellSouth CLEC Access to Records Proposal. This information was fumished to me by Jim Childress.

Our conference call will be Tuesday, May 20, 3:00 p.m. EDT - 4:00 p.m. The conference bridge number is 205-970-3742, access code 4675.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments.

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Preferred Payment Date

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## Customer Record Information System (CRIS) Bill Screen

Account number including area code and customer code. ч **2**. Screen Name Date of the Bill (But cycle) u3. Status of Account. (live or final) u4. Account Status Indicator ч**5**. Four digit abbreviation for the exchange (Calling Exchange) ч**6**. N 7 Class of Service **48**. Rate Group Identification N9: Billing Name and Address **₽10**. Pay By Date - Date bill is considered past due P11. Start Treatment Amount - Amount of money a customer must owe before treatment action is appropriate. u 12. Four digit code indicating the federal, state, local, etc. tax states of the account. 4€13. Credit Classification ⊅**14**. Months in Credit Class - This is the umber of months that an account has been in its present credit class u15. RAO number (the first 3 numbers) for the customer's account as well as the customer's check digit (the last number). P16. Refer Account Date - Date notice is mailed to a customer when a treatable amount is due P17. Remove from Treatment Amount - The dollar amount an account must be reduced below to no longer be considered treatable. **418**. Taxing Area Code - Indicates the city, county, franchise, or surcharge tax rat on an account N19/ Toll Billing Exception - This code represents a restriction from certain types of calls (Should show up under prod 5 SVC N20 / Primary Interexchange Carrier Code **₽ 21**. Date of Installation - Date six installed **22**. Refer to Business Office - The date a referral is sent to the Collection Center/Account Center on a treatable amount **23**. No Treatment - An indicator to stop computerized treatment of an account. 24. **Toll Credit Limit** <sup>2</sup>√25. Deposit - An amount of money obtained to secure an account.

Calling Card Holder - indicator & that they have a calling card.

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## Customer Record Information System (CRIS) Bill Screen

- \$\textstyle{P}\$29. Amount Due The current amount due on the account.
- U30. Old Telephone Number/New Telephone Number
- f 31. Credit Information
- \$32. Credit Information Verified
- P 33. Bill Summary
- U 34. Features A code indicating the available central office services in a customer's area to which the customer does NOT subscribe
- 935. Itemized Calls The total dollar amount of toll charges from all entities which appeared on each of the three preceding bills.
- € 36. Treatment History (12 months)
- 137. Return Check History (12 months)
- 9 38. Social Security Number
- ?39. Unregulated Billing
- P 40. Last Bill The amount of the last bill
- 941. Payments and Adjustments posted since the last bill
- U42. Transfer Amount of money transferred from another account with the telephone number indicating where the balance originated.
- 843. Balance Balance after last bill plus/minus any payments and adjustments
- u44. Late Payment Charge
- § 45. Current month's total charges for charges incurred since last month's bill
- 46. Total of current charges and any unpaid charges from previous bills.
- 47. BellSouth Charges
- 48. Interexchange Charges
- 49. Payments and Adjustments Through Bill
- 50. Payments and adjustments posted during the current billing cycle
- √51. Memo Screen for making customer notations



**BellSouth Interconnection Services** 

Memorandum

Date

July 2, 1997

To

Joe Baker

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Subject

Response to MCI's OSS Issues

The attached addresses the OSS Interface issues raised by MCI's Bryan Green in his 6/29 memo.

This should provide the immediate feedback Bryan needs with hopes of getting into more detail or further discussions at a later time.

Please call me with any questions or concerns.

## Response to MCI's OSS Issues

#### **BST Position on TCP/IP SSL3**

SSL3 adds encryption to the TCP/IP layer. SSL3 is not a national standard, nor have the standards bodies made SSL3 a "recommendation." SSL3 is under consideration as a national standard after winning out over EC-Lite. It currently resides with the Local Ordering Sub-Committee of ECIC for recommendation.

IF SSL3 becomes the national standard, BellSouth will develop the pre-ordering system to meet this standard, if CLECs request the development.

#### **UNE OSS support**

BST will support electronic ordering via EDI of Loop, Port, INP (interim number portability)and Loop with INP by the end of July, and via LENS in September. Loop and port combinations will follow (for Kentucky, only).

#### **Electronic Bonding for maintenance**

BellSouth has agreed to develop electronic bonding for maintenance and repair in several CLEC contracts. The electronic bonding gateway for EC TA will be ready during November.

#### Electronic access to CSR

Electronic access to customer service records is currently available to CLECs via the LENS interface. CLECs must have a CSR letter of authorization on file with BST to obtain access.

Customer record access is a pre-order function not an ordering function, and as a result, the customer record will not be available via EDI. LSI will not be used because this does not provide the CLEC enough data for certain order types.

#### **LENS** Issues

The LENS users guide contains sufficient information on the LENS specification for a CLEC to connect to and use LENS. Internet Explorer is supported by LENS, and the help desk/SPOC is operational.

#### Pre-order functionality

ICREF was part of the interim solutions previous to LENS.

LENS queries DSAP for due date information.

#### **EDI Documentation**

EDI documentation is contained in the two volumes of the Local Exchange Ordering Guide that has been provided to MCI. Updates and information will accompany notification of major releases, and new guides will be shipped to all those who have received the guide and are in BST's database.

#### Role of LESOG

Local Exchange Service Order Generator's (LESOG) role is to mechanically generate service orders. LESOG is a system that pulls orders from the Local Exchange Ordering (LEO) database, and selects those orders that can be processed electronically, and sends those orders downstream.

#### CRIS DATA ELEMENTS NOT PROVIDED TO CLECS-

#### \*Social Security Number

BellSouth does not pass an end user's SSN. This is not shared because of the expectation of the end user that it is not shared with outside parties (end user privacy issue).

#### \*Credit Information

BellSouth does not share this information because of the Credit Reporting Act. BellSouth chooses not to provide information that would classify BellSouth as a Credit Reporting Agency (Credit Bureau).

- \*Payment History (except where mandated by state PSC)
  Credit Reporting Agency (same as above)
- \*Credit Class

Credit Reporting Agency (same as above)

\*BellSouth Visa Information Or Other Credit Options Credit Reporting Agency (same as above)

#### \*Order Activity Information

This information does not provide anything specific or helpful. It only provides the previous service order numbers with due date that completed within the last month. It does not indicate what activity the service order completed.

#### \*Bill Section Concession Codes

Concession codes do not provide value to a CLEC. This is a BellSouth internal code only. The concession codes in the S&E will be sent because there is no way to suppress them.

#### \*Bill Section Tax Codes

Tax Codes do not provide value to a CLEC.

#### \*Bill Section BTN

BTN information does not provide value to a CLEC.

### \*Installment and Deferred Payment Plans

Credit Reporting Agency (same as above)

#### \*Itemized Toll Charges

This data element is not a part of the CSR at all. To deliver this data element additional development would be required to get this data element from the CRIS Bills Database records.

The Billing name and address (including BN1, BN2, BN3, BA2, BA3, BA4, PO) is the only information provided from the bill section of the CSR.

PIC and all related codes were previously listed as an exclusion, but it has been decided that this information can be provided.

CPNI accounts will not be furnished via on-line system. The customer has elected to restrict access to his CSR. The CLEC must contact the LCSC and furnish a Letter of Agency to obtain the CSR.

A CLEC may not access a CSR belonging to another CLEC. This information is not BellSouth's information to share.

## NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

### TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY

## BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

BellSouth's In-Region InterLATA Service Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

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- getting preordering information, and it is, but not to
- the exclusion of the firm order mode. You can get
- preordering information either way.
- Q. And when the hold function is employed in RNS, how
- 5 long is that number -- how long is the number associated
- 6 | with that order held?
- 7 A. I believe it's thirty (30) days.
- 8 Q. All right.
- 9 Again, looking back to the RNS DOE demo
- 10 | yesterday, assume you've got a customer -- new customer,
- 11 new address, says I need four lines. I want one main
- 12 number. I want a number for the kids. I want a number
- 13 for the fax machine, and I want a number for the
- 14 | InterNet.
- 15 Is there information available to the
- 16 | BellSouth customer service representative to know
- 17 | whether facilities are available to provide four lines
- 18 to that customer without requiring a premises visit?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 | Q. It is not available through any of the systems
- 21 | available to the BellSouth representative?
- 22 A. No, they can't see the number of facilities that
- 23 | are available.
- 24 Q. If you would turn to the -- the summary of your

- 1 | through EDI?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And is that list what you sometimes call simple resold services?
- 5 A. I don't know if I used that term.
- Q All right. Can we use it today just so when I say simple resold services we'll be talking about the -- the thirty (30) items on exhibit nineteen (19)?
- 9 A. Okay.

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- Q. All right. Is it true that when an order for one of these thirty (30) simple services is placed through EDI that the Order flows through the downstream systems of LEO, LESOG, SOCS, I believe that we saw on one of your exhibits yesterday, and results in a mechanically generated order at the end of the process?
  - A. Yes, that's -- if -- if you look at the heading on this particular exhibit, this is a list of services available with mechanized order generation, that means all the way through.
- Q. All right. And there are -- is there any situation in which a properly formatted correct order for one of these thirty (30) services would fall out of the system and not generate a mechanized order?
- 24 A. I'm not aware of any exceptions.

It is not a new installation, not a new customer, but simply a migration of an existing customer, a customer who has twenty (20) DID trunks from BellSouth today, and says, I would like to become a customer of the CLP, essentially a change as is, is that required to go through this account team complex order process that you have described?

- A. Yes, and something similar would happen for a BellSouth retail customer, if one company were buying another company, for example, and an account team -- if one company that had complex services was buying -- was being bought by another company, and account team would make sure that all of that activity was handled properly, because when you got into complex services, you're dealing with complicated account structures, maybe multiple layers of billing, and it requires someone with some expertise and knowledge of the account to actually be involved in that process.
- Q. And I understand if we were dealing with State Government that there might be several layers of billing and quite a complex arrangement, but would you expect that type of complexity with the twenty (20) DID trunks that I have described?
- A. It could be.

- 1 Q. Is it also possible it could not be?
  - A. I think that any time you get into something that involves DID, the likelihood that there are going to be other complicating factors on the account is very high.
  - Q. Let me turn back just for a minute to RNS and DOE, and ask you do all orders entered through RNS, if they are properly formatted and correctly entered, do they flow through BellSouth's downstream systems, and result at the end in the generation of mechanical order -- mechanized generation of a order?
  - A. Anything that is ordered through RNS, that's correct, but as we said yesterday, there are some things that you can't necessarily order through RNS, so that doesn't categorically apply to all residence services.
  - Q. Okay. Well, I'm going to talk about DOE because anything you can't order -- let me ask this way.

Anything you can order -- anything that can be ordered from BellSouth, or anything that BellSouth can provide can be ordered through DOE, is that correct?

A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. It's sort of like you're the carrier of last resort. It's the order entry system of last resort?
- 24 A. Yes, more or less.

If there were an invalid address that would come back to the LCSC for some sort of resolution?

A. Yes.

- Q. If there was a PIC code that presubscribed interexchange carrier code that was an invalid code, that would come back to the LCSC?
- A. Yes.
  - Q. If a telephone number had been entered -- miskeyed on the order and you were trying to place an order for a new installation and it was a working telephone number, that would come back to the LCSC?
- A. Yes.
  - Q. Is there a way to describe generally which types of rejects that come to the LCSC are corrected by the LCSC, and which types of rejects are funneled back to the CLP for further handling by it?
  - A. I guess the -- I don't know that there is a term of art for it, but obvious errors -- I mean, ones that the LCSC could recognize simply by looking at the Order and understanding that the CLP had failed to validate the address using the address validation tool, for example, would be corrected by the LCSC.

I mean, they can see what's wrong with the order. If -- if it's something that requires the -- the

- 1 CLP to clarify, or then -- then they'd have to send it 2 back to the CLP. I mean, there is just not a term of
- 3 art to describe it I don't think.
- 4 | Q. Okay. Fair enough.

In the case of a BellSouth order that has been placed into the system through RNS or DOE, those orders don't go to LEO and LESOG, do they?

- A. No, they don't. In RNS there are analogous systems.
  - Q. And I'm not going to ask you to name them because the names are just going to confuse me more because I never could figure out what they stood for, but there it goes through several systems and they all do end up at SOCS at the end of the day?
- 15 A. Right.

- Q. If a BellSouth order gets rejected by any of those downstream systems for any of the types of reasons we've talked about, how does that reject -- how and to whom does that reject get communicated back?
- A. It goes to a center known as the TRECC, and that's stands for trouble resolution -- excuse me, it's TRECC, trouble resolution and error correction center.

And that's a center wotj BellSouth service representatives that would perform the same kind of

trouble resolution and error correction that would be done in the LCSC for the CLPs.

- Q. And that reject comes back and -- and pops up on the screen of some service representative that says here is an Order with the problem -- you know -- solve it?
- A. Actually, no, it dumps out to a printer every night, and theý pick up the list from the printer in the morning and go into the system and try to -- try to figure out what needs to be done.
  - Q. Now, I'm going to ask you to define another term, jeopardy -- in fact, let me define jeopardy and ask you if I've got it right.

Is a jeopardy a situation where there has been a committed due date, a date by which something was going to be done and then for some reason it either doesn't get done on that date, or it becomes obvious that it won't be done on that date?

- A. Yes, that's -- that's a general meaning.
- Q. Okay. And I believe in the telephone world there are probably two kinds of jeopardies. One kind is a -- there may be more than two. I have learned about two of them. There is a -- what you would call a facilities jeopardy, and there is what you would call a customer caused jeopardy. Do those phrases have some meaning to

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